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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Monday, 26 November 2001*

**SECURITY COUNCIL**

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| 3 p.m. | consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultation Room |

UNDOF (S/2001/1079)

Western Sahara (S/2001/1067)

Iraq (S/2001/1089)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

UNITED NATIONS MONITORING, VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION (UNMOVIC)

*Seventh plenary meeting*

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

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| 11.30 a.m. | 11th (closed) meeting* | Conference Room 7 |

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations the same day at 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-sixth session*

10 a.m. 62nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/56/352) [50]

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/56/351 and Corr.1) [51]

3. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [45]

4. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/625)

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/626)

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/627)

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/628)

   (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/629)

3 p.m. 63rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/384 and Corr.1) [20]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

   (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/95, A/56/307)

   (ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/649)

   (iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.14)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

   (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/56/412, A/56/470 and A/56/632)

   (ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.15, A/56/L.16)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/447)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/308)

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/123 and Corr.1)

## Committees

### SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 31st meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: Trade and development [95 (a)] (A/56/15 (Suppl. No. 15 (Part I)), A/56/15 (Suppl. No. 15 (Part II)), A/56/15 (Suppl. No. 15 (Part III)), A/56/15 (Suppl. No. 15 (Part III/Add.1)), A/56/473, A/56/427, A/56/376, A/56/435 and A/C.2/56/4)

   *Introductory statement*

2. Globalization and interdependence [105] (A/56/445, A/56/222-S/2001/736 and A/56/364)

   *Introductory statement*

3. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107] (A/56/28, A/56/222-S/2001/736 and A/56/306)

   *Introductory statement*

4. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

   *Introduction of draft resolution* A/C.2/56/L.29

### THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 49th meeting — Conference Room 1

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.40, L.51, L.63, L.66 and L.69*

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.54*

Racism and racial discrimination [117] (A/56/18, A/56/71, A/56/79, A/56/94, A/56/228, A/56/481, A/CONF.189/12 (Parts I*, II and III))

*Introduction and general discussion***

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. — 50th meeting — Conference Room 1

Racism and racial discrimination [117] (A/56/18, A/56/71, A/56/79, A/56/94, A/56/228, A/56/481, A/CONF.189/12 (Parts I*, II and III))

*Continuation of general discussion***

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* To be issued.

** Subject to the issuance of A/CONF.189/12 (Part I).

### FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 29th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

   Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/56/469 and Corr.1 and A/56/619)

   *Introduction and general discussion*

2. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

   (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/56/431 and Corr.1 and A/56/510 and Corr.1)

   *Introduction and general discussion*

3. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141] (A/56/487 and A/56/621)

   *Introduction and general discussion*

Morning*-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 127 (United Nations common system: Report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/56/30))

2 p.m.-4.30 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 127 (United Nations common system: Report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/56/30) and Strengthening the international civil service (A/54/483 and A/55/526))

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* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subject*

Executive session on UNTAET

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 26 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

*Conference Room C:* A/C.2/56/L.9 (item 98 (d)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

*Conference Room E:* A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

*Conference Room 6*: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

*Conference Room 6:* A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

*Informal consultations on agenda item 113*

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held on Monday, 26 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

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**United Nations Children's Fund**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Pre-session briefing*

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Monday, 26 November 2001*

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on a draft resolution on agenda item 95 (a) (Trade and development))*

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

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| 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room D |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on agenda item 104 (Training and research))*

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| 1.15 p.m. - 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

GROUP OF 77
*(on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance))*

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| 1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

GROUP OF 77
*(international environmental governance)*

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| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
*(open-ended consultations on the right to development)*

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| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 4 |

GROUP OF 77
*(on Fifth Committee matters)*

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| 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

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**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee)* on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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**Informal meeting**

There will be a meeting of the Core Group of the Group of 77 on Habitat on draft resolutions under agenda item 102 on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 27 November 2001*

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-sixth session*

10 a.m. 64th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [34]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/276 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.9)

3 p.m. 65th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.17)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.18)

### Committees

| | SECOND COMMITTEE | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m. | 32nd meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m. | 33rd meeting | Conference Room 2 |

| | THIRD COMMITTEE | |
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| 10 a.m. | 51st meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. | 52nd meeting | Conference Room 1 |

| | FIFTH COMMITTEE | |
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| 10 a.m. | 30th meeting | Conference Room 3 |
| Morning* | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| 2 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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*Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)*

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Thursday, 29 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

*International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People*

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, 29 November 2001, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity may be sent to room S-3350 (tel.: (212) 963-5172).

*Screening of films*

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two video-films entitled "Gaza Under Siege" and "Mahmoud Darwish: As the Land is the Language". Both films will be shown on Thursday, 29 November, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Friday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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**United Nations Children's Fund**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Second regular session for 2001*

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 27 November 2001, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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**Panel discussion**

There will be a panel discussion on "Global Peace, Security and Tolerance Post-September 11: New Solutions Involving Children and Youth", co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict and the United Nations Children's Fund, on Tuesday, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the conference room of the 23rd floor of the DC2 Building. Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and a representative of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, will be among the speakers. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Josephus Theunissen, Chief of the Programme on Youth, Social Integration Branch of the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information please contact Ms. Kirsten Hagon (tel.: (212) 351-6677).

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**Informal briefing**

The Chairman of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Knut Øistad (Norway), will hold an informal briefing on preparations for the second session of the Forum, to be held in Costa Rica from 4 to 15 March 2002. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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**Workshop**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

## Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2001

500th (closed) meeting

*Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [3]

The Committee adopted the conclusions and recommendations on the initial reports of Benin (CAT/C/21/Add.3) and Indonesia (CAT/C/47/Add.3).

501st meeting

*Organizational and other matters* [2]

The Committee considered the item.

*Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention* [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

*Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [3]

The Committee presented its conclusions and recommendations on the initial reports of Benin (CAT/C/21/Add.3) and Indonesia (CAT/C/47/Add.3) to the States parties' delegations in public session.

The Committee then adopted the conclusions and recommendations on the initial report of Zambia (CAT/C/47/Add.2) and on the third periodic report of Israel (CAT/C/54/Add.1) in closed session.

FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2001

502nd meeting

*Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [3]

The Committee presented its conclusions and recommendations on the initial report of Zambia (CAT/C/47/Add.2) and on the third periodic report of Israel (CAT/C/54/Add.1) in closed session.

*Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention* [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of item 6 in closed session.

*Closure of the session*

The President declared the twenty-seventh session of the Committee closed.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

### International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2001

75th (closed) meeting

*Consideration of reports* [6]

*(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

*(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant*

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of Sweden (E/C.12/4/Add.4).

76th (closed) meeting

*Adoption of the report* [9]

The Committee continued its discussion of its annual draft report to the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/7.

FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2001

77th meeting

*Consideration of reports* [6]

*(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

*(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant*

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on the second periodic report of France (E/1990/6/Add.27).

# SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

## [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Convention relating to the status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954*

*Accession:* Hungary (21 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special event

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2002 on the theme "Reaching the Vulnerable", sponsored by the Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Kenzo Oshima, will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The President of the Security Council, H.E. Ms. Mignonette Patricia Durrant (Jamaica), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, Ms. Thoraya Obaid, will attend the event. The Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Carolyn McAskie, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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### Special tribute

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

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### Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Uganda
H.E. Mr. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka

*Asian States:*
Syrian Arab Republic
H.E. Mr. Mikhail Wehbe

*Eastern European States:*
Hungary
H.E. Mr. André Erdös

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Honduras
H.E. Mr. Ángel Edmundo Orellana Mercado

*Western European and other States:*
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Thorsteinn Ingólfsson

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